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A.—On an examination of the scheme based on an estimate prepared in 1930, it was considered desirable to have the question of the availability of supply further examined by taking gaugings, for a period of five years, before coming to a conclusion on the feasibility of the scheme. For this purpose the Chief Engineer requires a special staff of one overseer and one gumasta for a period of seven months in each of five years, but it has not been possible till now, on account of financial stringency, to accord sanction to the employment of this staff.

Progress of the Tippayapalem project.

* 586 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Tippayapalem project (Kurnool) was taken up and how much work is completed;

(*b*) whether the project will be ready by the end of 1934; and

(*c*) whether any Special Officer has been deputed to finish the work earlier?

A.—(*a*) It was taken up in 1931 but after an expenditure of Rs. 1,400 was incurred it was stopped owing to retrenchment. It was resumed in November 1932. The masonry core wall up to level + 550·00 including concrete has been completed between longitudinal sections 177 and 325. Masonry in the right flank weir has been raised to + 558·00 in the upstream wing and to +563·00 in the other portions, except at the abutment, where the work has been stopped at +556·00. The construction of temporary quarters for clerks and improvements to section officers' quarters have been completed.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The work has been under execution by a special subdivision from the beginning.

S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur:—" With reference to the answer given to clause (*b*), may I know what difficulties the Government have in finishing this project by the end of 1934? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" It is not possible to finish it earlier."

Execution of drainage schemes recommended by the Settlement Officer, Guntur district.

* 587 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the information called for by them referred to in question No. 296, dated 2nd November 1933, from the officer concerned;

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay it on the table of this House;

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(c) what the reasons are for not completing all the works till now; and

(d) whether it is a fact that in proposing the increased rate of land revenue, the cost of these drainage works was also included?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The report of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has not yet been received.

(*d*) No.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that during the last settlement the land revenue rates were excessively charged for drainage purposes, etc., in Guntur district?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The answer is given in clause (*d*) of the answer."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Sir, it was clearly stated in the Settlement Report that the increased rate was for the drainage works also."

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"We are not able to trace such a statement in the Settlement Report."

Security deposits for provision of pipe sluices from the ryots in the Kistna delta.

* 588 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that security deposits are demanded by Public Works Department officers for providing pipe sluices from ryots in the Kistna delta;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that even on the payment of security deposits the ryots are asked to get their own pipes at their cost and fix them for the irrigation of the lands; and

(*c*) whether there are any standing orders governing the fixing up of pipe sluices for the irrigation of lands?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have not the information but they have called for a report.

Mr. G. Simhachalam Pantulu:—"May I ask the hon. Member to place a copy of the report when it is received on the table of the House?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The hon. Member's suggestion will be considered on receipt of the report."

Land Revenue Administration

Attachment and sale of lands in South Kanara for arrears of land revenue.

* 589 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of defaulters whose lands were attached and the number of defaulters whose lands were sold for realizing the land revenue arrears of fasli 1342 in South Kanara;